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## **JULY BYLAW ENFORCEMENT FOCUSES ON WASTE, WEEDS**

### ***Bylaw Looking for Waste and Weed Control Infractions***

**Medicine Hat** – For the month of July, Bylaw Enforcement is on the lookout for violations of the Waste and Weed Control Bylaws as part of its ongoing Bylaw Enforcement and Education Program (BEEP).

Under the Weed Control Bylaw, residents are responsible for weeds growing on boulevards and alleys adjacent to their property and are required to properly remove and dispose of them.

"City of Medicine Hat Waste (Garbage) Bylaw #1805 requires Hatters to ensure that waste accumulated on their property is contained, stored and disposed," says Fred Crittenden, Supervisor of Municipal Bylaw Enforcement. "Waste should be stored in containers and located in areas that ensure it will not be blown about by the wind. It should be stored so bags cannot be ripped open or containers knocked over by animals foraging for food."

Municipal Bylaw Enforcement staff will be actively looking for violations of these bylaws, issuing warnings and violation tickets, and having property cleaned if required.

Fines for violations of these bylaws start at \$100. In addition, property owners can be billed for costs of any cleanups completed by the City that is deemed the responsibility of the homeowner.

"Keeping your yard free from waste such as wood, garbage, debris and overgrown weeds provides an effective solution to managing most skunk and raccoon invasions as it minimizes their easy access to food sources and a place to set up home," adds Crittenden.

If you have problems with skunks and raccoons you can phone the City's Skunks and Raccoon Hotline at (403) 525-8888 for preventative tips or for the animal's removal.

For more information on BEEP or waste and weed control contact Fred Crittenden, Supervisor of Municipal Bylaw Enforcement, at 529-8436.

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